

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *also*
FROM : A. Rosen *Rosen*
SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA

DATE: April 4, 1964

Memorandum from Mr. Jevons to Mr. Conrad dated 3-19-64, set forth information concerning the President's Commission asking the Bureau to maintain certain Commission exhibits which had never before been in the custody of the Bureau. It was recommended that this matter be discussed with Mr. Rankin to see if it could not be arranged so that the Commission would maintain their exhibits which had not been previously in the custody of the Bureau.

This matter was discussed with Mr. J. Lee Rankin on 4-3-64, and Mr. Rankin stated that there would be very little material that the Commission would ask us to maintain for them. He stated he was fully aware of the tremendous burden that had already been placed on the Bureau with the numerous exhibits the Commission was interested in and that he would personally see to it that no items were made available to the Bureau except where there was a very special reason.

RECOMMENDATION:

In the event any members of the Commission staff make any further requests for the Bureau to maintain custody of Commission exhibits which we have not previously had in our possession, it is recommended the individual request be taken up with Mr. Rankin in order to determine whether or not the request needs to be complied with.

FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY:

1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Sullivan

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I don't see why the agency keeping exhibits shouldn't be as custodian. The Commission has not shown any confidence in FBI - they have called on other

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Asst. Dir.
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Legal Coun.
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Rec. Mgmt.
Tech. Serv.
Training
Off. of Cong. & Public Affairs
Telephone Rm.
Director's Sec'y
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy*

Physical exhibits to receive... have sent... to other... persons directly interested